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Access to Children's Services Programs by Age and Gender

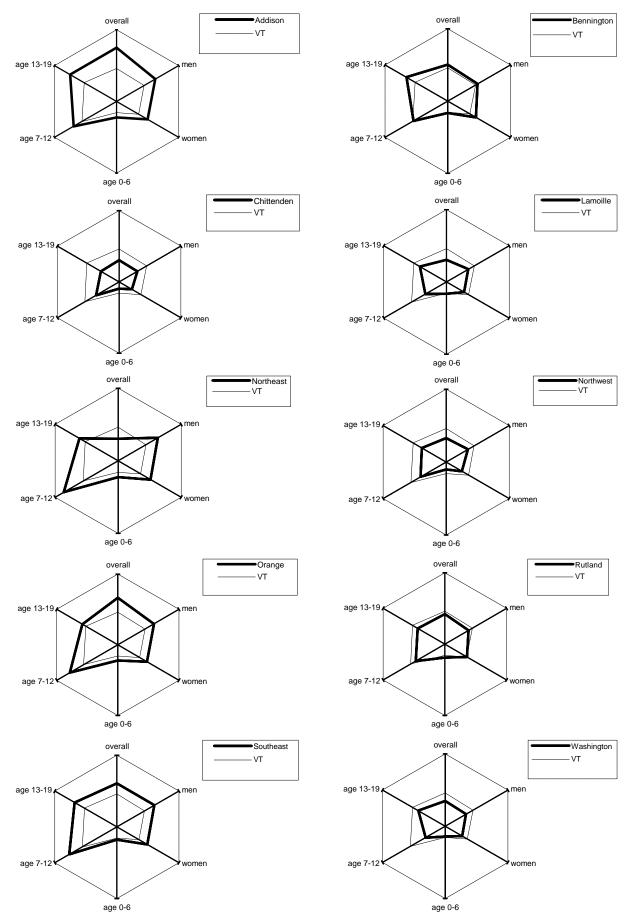
The attached pages provide a comprehensive overview of access to community mental health services by young people in Vermont's ten service areas, for all young people and for young people in different age and gender categories. These data describe the state's FY1998 caseload. A report distributed to our weekly PIP readership on April 23, 1998 described overall utilization rates for FY'97.

As you will see, boys are more likely than girls to be served by community mental health programs in every region of the state, although, the difference is much larger in some areas than in others. Elementary school aged children (7-12) had slightly higher utilization rates than older children and adolescents (13-19), but both were substantially more likely to use services than younger children.

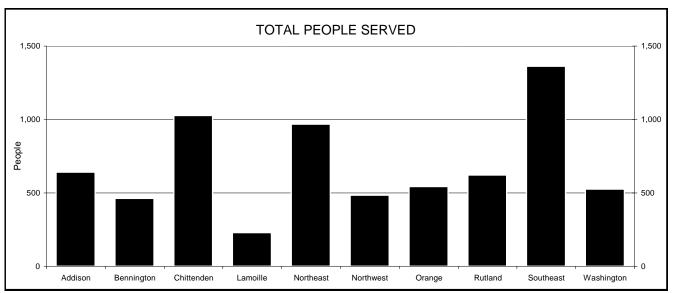
Differences between age and gender groups, however, were much smaller than the difference in the overall utilization rates in different regions of the state.

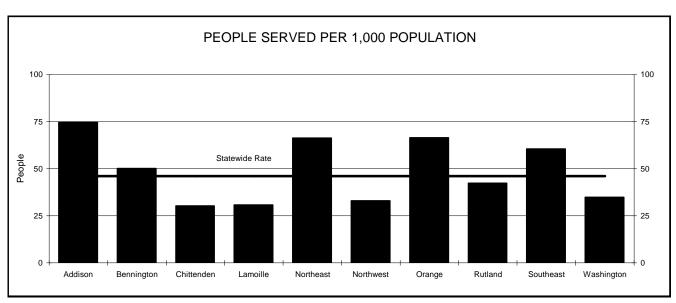
We look forward to your comments, questions, and suggestions for further analysis (802-241-2638; jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us).

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS: OUTPATIENT PER CAPITA UTILIZATION RATES FOR SPECIFIED GROUPS BY REGION: FY 1998



CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS: OUTPATIENT PEOPLE SERVED: TOTAL AND PER 1,000 POPULATION, FY1998

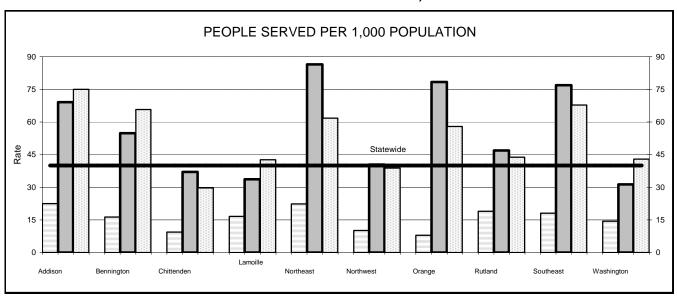


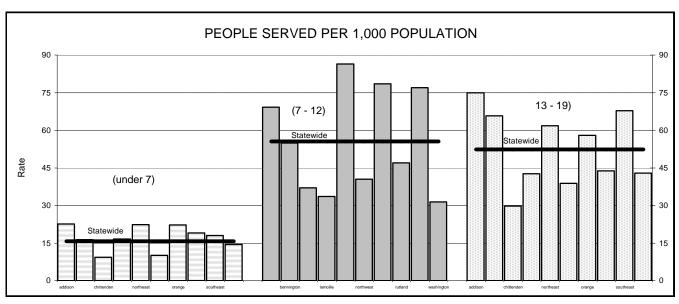


Region/Provider		Children Population	Total People Served	People Served Per 1,000 Population		
Addison	- CSAC	8,581	642	75		
Bennington	- UCS	9,215	463	50		
Chittenden	- HCHS	33,906	1,027	30		
Lamoille	- LCMHS	7,485	230	31		
Northeast	- NEK	14,585	967	66		
Northwest	- NCSS	14,665	485	33		
Orange	- CMC	8,173	543	66		
Rutland	- RACS	14,688	622	42		
Southeast	- HCRSSV	22,502	1,363	61		
Washington	- WCMHS	15,040	525	35		
Statewide Rate		148,840	6,867	46		

Total people served is based on quarterly service reports submitted by Vermont's community service providers and include people assigned to Children's Services Programs. Population figures are projections for 1998 based on estimates published by the Vermont Department of Health and the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont. Children's population include Vermont residents under 18 years of age. Individuals served by more than one agency are counted more than once. Excludes residential clients.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS UTILIZATION RATES BY AGE, FY 1998





Region/Provider	Population			# served			Served/1,000 Population		
	under 7	7-12	13-19	under 7	7-12	13-19	under 7	7-12	13-19
Addison - CSAC	3,283	3,137	3,908	74	217	293	23	69	75
Bennington - UCS	3,193	3,153	3,499	52	173	230	16	55	66
Chittenden - HCHS	12,906	11,666	14,844	121	432	441	9	37	30
Lamoille - LCMHS	2,231	2,232	2,536	37	75	108	17	34	43
Northeast - NEK	5,243	5,412	6,155	117	468	380	22	86	62
Northwest - NCSS	5,154	5,073	5,258	52	205	204	10	40	39
Orange - CMC	3,114	3,238	3,695	69	254	214	22	78	58
Rutland - RACS	5,201	5,321	5,919	99	250	259	19	47	44
Southeast - HCRSSV	7,759	8,034	8,294	140	618	562	18	77	68
Washington - WCMHS	5,077	5,035	5,686	73	158	244	14	31	43
Statewide Rate	53,161	52,301	59,794	834	2,850	2,935	16	56	52

Total people served is based on quarterly service reports submitted by Vermont's community service providers and includes people assigned to Children's Services Programs.

Population figures are projections for 1998 based on 1996 estimates published by the Vermont Department of Health. For people served per 1,000 population includes Vermont residents under 20 years of age. Individuals served by more than one agency are counted more than once. The statewide rate for all Children's Services Program clients is 40.